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Province of the
Massachusetts-
Bay in New-
England.



By His EXCELLENCY,
Richard, Earl of Bellomont,
Captain General and GOVERNOUR in Chief of His Majesties
Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay* in *New-England*, &c.
and Vice Admiral of the same.

A Proclamation.

FORASMUCH as the Sanctification of the Lords Day is of
Divine Institution, and enforced by many gracious Promises
made unto the Observers thereof; as well as divers severe
Threatnings denounced against the violaters of the same.
Notwithstanding which, and the good and wholesome Laws made and
enacted within this Province, and under the Sanction of the Royal
Authority, in that case provided, It is observed that not only Children
and Youth, but many persons of ripe years, do too often prophane
the said Day by frequenting of Taverns and Ale-houses for Tipling
and Drinking, walking abroad in the streets and fields for diversion
and recreation, and otherwise mispend the said Holy Time.

I do therefore by and with the advice and consent of His Majesties
Council of this Province, upon the Address of the Assembly,
hereby command and require the strict Observation of the Lords
Day from time to time. And that all Justices of the Peace, Grand-
jurors, Constables, Tything-men, and other Officers whom it doth
or may concern in their several places, do take effectual care, that the
Laws made for the Observation of the said Day, be vigorously put
in Execution against all persons that shall transgress the same, or
prophane the said Day in any way or manner whatsoever.

Given at the Council Chamber in *Boston*, the Twenty-first day of *June*; In the Eleventh
Year of His Majesties Reign. *Annoque Domini*, 1699.

By Order of His Ex-
cellency & Council,
Isaac Addington, Secr.

BELLOMONT!

GOD Save the King.

MEMORANDUM

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

RE: [illegible]

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WITNESSED

at the City of [illegible]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this [illegible] day of [illegible] 1899

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Notary Public